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SUBJECT: PRG ATTENDANCE AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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1. PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR AND SECRETARY OF ROMANIAN
PREPARATORY COMMISSION MIRCEA MALITA RAISED WITH
AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON GOR VIEW ON PRG
REPRESENTATION QUESTION. WHILE AGREEING THAT SUBSIDIARY
ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT CONFERENCE,
MALITA SAID GOR WAS IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION
BECAUSE OF ITS HAVING RECOGNIZED PRG, AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT SOMEHOW WAY COULD BE FOUND TO AVERT
EXCESSIVE DIFFICULTIES. HE NOTED CARRILLO-
FLORES WAS TRYING TO FIND SOME SORT OF SOLUTION AND
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SAID CARRILLO-FLORES HAD TALKED ABOUT OTHER CONFERENCES

WHERE HOST NATION HAD ALLOWED REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES NOT OFFICIALLY ATTENDING CONFERENCE TO BE PRESENT IN THE HALL (MALITA SAID AS A MATTER OF FACT THIS HAD BEEN ROMANIAN PRACTICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WITH GDR BEFORE GDR HAD ANY UN STATUS). MALITA ALSO SAID CARRILLO-FLORES HAD TALKED OF SITUATIONS WHERE SUCH UNRECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO MAKE A STATEMENT BUT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN STATUS OF MEMBERS OF A CONFERENCE. THIS LATTER APPROACH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "SOMEWHAT MORE SATISFACTORY" FROM PRG STANDPOINT. HE SAID BOTH CHINESE AND NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE PUSHING PRG CASE AND MENTIONED HE HAD HEARD UNCONFIRMED RUMOR THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE THREATENING TO BOYCOTT CONFERENCE IF PRG NOT ADMITTED. AMBASSADOR REPEATED US POSITION WITH WHICH MALITA WAS WELL FAMILIAR. WHILE AGREEING THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IF PRG HAD STAYED AWAY, HE SAID THIS WAS NO LONGER A REALISTIC OPTION SO SOME DECISION HAD TO BE MADE.

2. MALITA CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY SAYING HE HOPED THAT SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS OF PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS. HAVING NOTED CHINESE DELEGATION HAD COME HERE EARLY TO PLEAD PRG CASE AMONG OTHER THINGS HE TOLD AMBASSADOR IF THE LATTER FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL HE WAS SURE BODNARAS (SENIOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, HEAD OF THE ROMANIAN DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, NUMBER TWO IN THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY) WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THIS SORT OF POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH AMBASSADOR AND AMERICAN DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES. AS NOTED EARLIER (REF C), EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR SECRETARY WEINBERGER WITH BODNARAS BUT THIS HAD BEEN INTENDED TO BE A MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION.

3. ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT WISHES APPROACH MADE TO BODNARAS PRIOR TO SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S ARRIVAL. I CANNOT BE POSITIVE, BUT I SUSPECT MALITA MAY HAVE BROACHED THE BODNARAS IDEA BECAUSE AN AMERICAN APPROVAL MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CITE TO THE OTHER SIDE. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. ADDED NOTE. CLAXTON HAS JUST BEEN READ BY CARRILLO-FLORES FORMAL AIDE MEMOIRE FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR ARGUING FOR SEATING OF PRG ON BASIS OF "EQUAL FOOTING" WITH GOVERNMENTS AT PARIS TALKS AND "TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM." AIDE MEMOIRE SAYS NORTH VN UNABLE TO ATTEND IF PRG NOT SEATED. CARRILLO-FLORES SAYS HE CONVINCED

USSR AND ROMANIA WILL ACCEPT IDEA OF PRG MAKING
STATEMENT THOUGH NOT BEING SEATED. HE HAS NO
INDICATION ATTITUDE CHINESE TOWARD THIS PROCEDURE.
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